# Wreck on the Iron Mountain.

Express Train for Hot brings, Ark., Is Derailed.

mons Are Injured, Several Badly Hurt That They Will Die.

WIR Sept. 27.—South-bound train No. 17 on the St. Louis Mountain railroad, which left tight for Hot Springs, Ark., derailment of four cars to-Vulcan, Mo., 125 miles from ing in the injury of thirty cumber of whom are so badly billered they will die.

Seriously Injured. K L LAWSON, Fulton, Mo.,

HATES, Fayette, Mo., injured reck and hand. W MICHEALS, Little Rock,

m back of head. HILL Little Rock, Ark., left dislocated, probably fatal.

MARTIN. Pocahontas, Ark. n en head and back, seriously STROTHERS, Des Arc, Mo.

intered internally. as derailed were the baggage, coach and sleeper.

#### NEXICAN MUST DIE.

Two American Citizens Has en Sentenced to Death.

is city was informed today by ED Peirce third assistant Sec-fitate that the Mexican au-ial passed sentence upon the fraction in the murder of Mr. d sentence upon the the murder of Mr. but American citizen. The sul at Mazatlan reports to stiment that Francisco Cas-sulenced to death. Hermola builde of Agua Caliclene de own where the tragedy octhe months' imprisonment and the posts, and Fidelio Carrasco totals' imprisonment. Messre. Latiner were killed on July 19.

## LBREAKERS TAKEN IN.

Men Who Left Billings Bastile Captured.

SGE, Mont., Sept. 27.-Two more makers, Frank Day, wanted staters, Frank Day, wanted sty, and Frank La Point, wanted sty, were captured today. Day in at Forsythe and La Point at a 1 telesram from Siock Institute of the states that he was close to 2 Parkinson brothers late tening to see them with his mass and was consident that he was effect their capture.

## RUBBER IN CUSTODY.

Who Held Up Canadian Paof Express Arrested.

AVER, B. C., Sept. 27.—The lelice think they have in cusslader of the three men who held cadian Pacific train near Missa speak ago. He is A. Dennuce, a Sellivan, and he was arrested script, for which he was to-make to three years' imprison-the appearance fits the description to train crew.

## ME OWNER KILLED.

Employees Because He Reed to Advance Wages.

tu made tex Sept 27.—In an attack that made upon him today by his eving to his refusal to interest the hearings before the Chinese bureau the hearings before the Chinese bureau the hearings before a United States. Commissioner.

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DIAMOND ROBBERS CONFESS to escape.

## MY CURZON WORSE.

ent Not Maintained and She Is Much Exhausted.

GRON'S LES. Kent, Sept. 27.on's improvement was not today. She is much ex-

this evening that Lady Curzon drune a change for the worse, it her condition is critical. ended Guilty to Larceny.

Wash, Bept. 27.—Dr. Otto s prominent physician Tacome and was arrested in and was arrested in and was arrested in and brought back last week. to say that the charge of laremberslement and sentence bronouses. sounced in a few days.

# Trapper and Hunter Shot From Ambush

Rob Cates, Well-Known Montanan. Killed As He Sat Fishing at Swan Lake.

Special to The Tribune. BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 27.-Word from Swan Lake tonight says that the dead body of Rob Cates, a well-known trapper and hunter of the Big Ford country, had beet found near the mouth of Swan lake. Cates had been shot down from an ambush as he sat fishing, the unknown assassin firing two bullets through Cates's chest, one penetrating the heart and apparently killing him instantly. The gruesome discovery was made by a log scaler, who stumbled upon the remains of the trapper. Cates's faithful dog guarded the body and the wood scaler had to go for help before the animal could be removed and an examination of the corpse made.

Cates's rifle lay about eight paces from where his body was found and by the side of the corpse was found a fresh string of fish. The tragedy is supposed to have resulted from an old mountain feud. body of Rob Cates, a well-known trapper

#### NOW SEES LIGHT.

Miracle of Joy Restores Sight of a Blind Woman

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 27,-Mrs Sophia Fabian, of 237 North Anthony street, New Orleans, now sees the light, after four years of total darkness and after four years of total darkness and nine years of darkening twilight.

A miracle of joy restored her sight. Her youngest son, Henry Fablan, whom she had not seen for eighteen years, surprised her by returning home. He came suddenly into the presence of his mother, who was sitting all alone in the darkness, and spoke her name.

At the sound of the voice of her son, whom she never expected to hear again.

whom she never expected to hear again, the scales of darkness fell from Mrs. Fabian's eyes.

Mrs. Fabian is 76 years of age.

Not the least wonderful part of the story is that twenty minutes before her story is that twenty minutes before her son appeared Mrs. Fabian declared she had seen him plainly, a presentiment of his coming forcing itself upon her mind. His elder brother, John Fabian, at whose house the mother was at the time, while coming home in the cars, was accosted by a number of his ac-quaintances asking for news of Henry, of whom no one had spoken to him for

## BOUGHT BY JAPS.

Mikado's Government Now Owns Tobacco Monopoly.

TOKIO, Sept. 27 .- The terms of the sale of the interests of the American Tobacco company to the Japanese Government, under the recently established

monopoly, have been concluded.

The company objected to the price the Government first offered and appealed to the American Legation. As a result of the extended representa-tions by Mr. Griscom, the American Minister, the consideration for the transfer of the company's interests has been increased about 1,000,000 yen, equivalent to about \$490,000 in American money. The total consideration has not been made public.

## SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

Prominent Young Man of Anaconda

Killed While Attempting Hold-Up. ANACONDA, Mont., Sept. 27.-During an attempted robbery of Mike Kara's saloon here tonight, Con. Kiley, a well-Insoloon here tonight, Con. Kiley, a wellknown young man of Anaconda, was
shot through the heart and instantly
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ing to a patron, the front and back doors
were opened simultaneously and two men
wearing black masks entered and ordered
hands up. Kara dropped behind the bar,
selzed his gun and shot the man who
had entered at the rear, and who proved
to be Kiley After firing one shot, which
grazed Kara's head, Inflicting a slight
wound, the other hold-up, who is unknown, escaped. Young Kiley's parents
are respectable residents here.

## RULING IN CHINESE CASE.

United States Court at San Francisco Sustains the Commissioner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.-Judge de Haven of the United States District court handed down a decision today affirming the ruling laid down by United States Commissioner E. H. Heacock in the habeas corpus case of Mark Lin King. Commissioner Heacock ruled that, in Chinese cases, evidence that had not previously been submitted at Commissioner Heacock ruled

Admit the Theft of Ten Thousand

Dollars' Worth of Diamonds. DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 27.-William Smith and Charles Jennings today confessed to the theft of \$10,000 worth of diamonds from O. Cohn last June, and were sentenced to fourteen years each in the State pepitentiary. The diamonds were taken from Cohn's safe, which the robbers dynamited. The robbers were returned to this city from Chicago several months ago.

Eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

NAPLES, Sept. 27.—The cruption of Mount Vesuvius has greatly diminished. The stones ejected from the crater do not now rise beyond a height of 150 feet. The authorities have relaxed the restrictions placed upon the public when the cruption was at its worst and people are permitted to ascend the mountain.

# DENOUNCES THE LABOR UNIONS

# Letter in the Miners' Magazine.

Document Purports to Have Been Written by Roosevelt.

President Pronounces It a Forgery, Declaring He Has Written No Such Letter.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 27 .- When Senafor Fairbanks and his party arrived here they found the Republican leaders considerably exercised over the publication in the Miners' Magazine, publighed at Denver by the Western Federation of Miners, of what purported to be a denunciation of labor unions by President Roosevelt, and a denial of the authenticity by the President. The President's contradiction was sent to former Senator Lee Mantle, in response to a telegram of inquiry from him, and

was as follows: President's Denial.

President's Denial.

White House, Washington September 26.—Hon. Lee Mantle, Butte:—Your telegram received. The letter you refer to purporting to be addressed by me to Mr. Michael Donnelly and printed in the Miners' Magazine of September 22, is, of course, an absurd and impudent forgery. I have written no such letter, nor any letter even resembling it, to Mr. Donnelly, nor any one cise. I have written Mr. Donnelly requesting to know if he has received any such letter and requesting him, if so, to at once lay it before the District Attorney of Chicago to find out whether it is possible to discover and punish the forger, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Alleged Letter Printed in Full.

Alleged Letter Printed in Full. The letter in which the President was represented to have made his attack upon union labor was addressed to Don-nelly, president of the Butchers and Meat Cutters' union of Chicago. The document is given in full, with Presi-dent Roosevelt's name attached, but without date, and it stated that it was written in response to an appeal by Donnelly to him to interfere for the set-tlement of the late butchers' strike.

Following are some extracts from it: Extracts From Letter.

I stand ready to do as my illustrious predecessor. Grover Cleveland, did, and assert the power of this nation against all local nulliflers.

Last summer I felt impelled to write a letter calling upon my countrymen to put down lynching. But labor union terrorism and crime are as great a national menace as lynch law.

Let me tell you that the first duty of the officers of the law, whether they be Sheriff, Constable, municipal officerers, Mayors, Governors or the President himself is to maintain public order and put down the mob with an iron hand.

Barked Up Wrong Tree.

Barked Up Wrong Tree.

After advising Donnelly to put a stop to the strike, the President is represented as saying. "In any case be assured I will keep my hands off unless your folly brings you into collision with the laws of the United States, when my hand will go on in a way you will not like. So far as I am concerned, you have barked up the wrong tree. I am not to be either wheedled or frightened into meddling with what is none of my business."

## WHAT FEDERATIONISTS SAY.

Letter Was Copied From the Wisconson Toiler.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 27.—Secretary W. D. Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners said tonight that the re tion of Minors said tonight that the reputed letter of President Roosevelt to President Donnelly of the Butchers' union was copied from the Wisconsin Toller Secretary Haywood said he did not know where the Toller was published. So far as the letter of Freeident Roosevelt having been a forgery, Secretary Haywood says he was not aware of it. The Miners' Magazine is published under the direction of the Federation and both President Moyer and Secretary Haywood take an active part in its direction.

## Donnelly Not Heard From.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Michael Donnelly, president of the Butchers and Meat Cutters' union, is not in Chicago tonight. He is supposed to be on a railway train somewhere between St. Louis and Chicago. S. H. Bethea, United States District Attorney, stated tonight that he had heard nothing of the letter said to have been forged.

## SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED.

Italian Youth Will Remain Under Protection of Court.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 .- Judge Aspinall, in the Kings County court, has suspended sentence in the case of Antonio Cucozza, the Italian youth who recently pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnaping growing out of the abduction of Tony Mannio, the little son of a Brooklyn contractor.

The Judge declared his belief to be that the lad was made an instrument.

The judge declared his belief to be that the lad was made an instrument in the hands of older persons and promised him the protection of the court instead of sending him to prison.

Idahoan Named for West Point.

Special to The Tribune.

BOISE, Ida., Sept. 27.—A vacancy at the West Point Milltary academy will be filled from this State in June. Senator Heyburn has named Cleveland C. Gee of Montpeller for the place, with Edgar C. Shellworth of Bolse, and Frank Estabrook, Jr., of Nampa, alternates. The examination will take place in Vancouver in June. Special to The Tribune.

# Leaped From Window, Picked Up Dead

Rather Than Go to Poorhouse Mason Takes His Own

Special to The Tribune.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 27.—Smarting under the disgrace of being sent to the poor der the disgrace of being sent to the poor farm or crazed by his sufferings from erysipelas, T. Stewart last night jumped from his couch several hours after being committed to the institution, and before the startled attendants could restrain him, leaped through the glass window of the second story of the refuge building. He was found several seconds later in a huddled heap on the ground, dead, his neck having been broken by them all. Death was instantaneous. Stewart is a Mason and is said to hall from Sait Lake, where his father is a minister. He came to Butte from Spokane about two months ago, where he worked as a tailor.

#### TWO SOLDIERS INJURED.

Accident at Fort Mott, in Which Two Men Are Fatally Hurt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.-An accident which is likely to result in the death of two soldiers in the regular army occurred during the target practice at Fort Mott, N. J., near Salem.

Robert Steward and John Tipton. two cannoneers, were engaged in hoist-ing a 1000-pound projectile from the magazine when the chain of the elevator leading to one of the large dis-appearing guns broke. Tipton and Steward became entangled

in the chain and were dashed repeat-edly against the big gun before the machinery could be stopped. Steward received a horrible gash in the neck, nearly cutting off his head. One leg was broken and his shoulder was crushed. Tipton's legs were broken and he was injured internally.

#### FAIRBANKS IN ACCIDENT,

Steps on His Private Car Torn Off at Logan, Mont.

WHITE HILL, Mont., Sept. 27 .- The only approach to an accident that has occurred on Senator Fairbanks's tour occurred today at Logan in this State. It consisted in breaking off of the steps on one side of the private car Edgemere.

There was a brief stop at this point and the lower step was let down. When the train started it struck the station platform, resulting in the demolition of the entire series of steps. Col. Ransdell stood on the steps, but escaped without injury of any character.

Senator Fairbanks was still standing on the station platform, and did not

seek to enter the car until the train

## TO COLONIZE MORMONS.

came to a full stop again.

Bishop Cluff of Salt Lake Said to Be Examining Lands in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 27.—Bishop V. W. Cluff of the Mormon church is

here from Salt Lake, accompanied by J. A. Cunningham and his son, J. A. Cunningham, Jr. The visit to Mexico is for the purpose of examining several tracts of land that have been of fered the Mormon church. Among them is a timber tract in Michoacan, which Bishop Cluff visited while in Mexico some time ago. He says that it is the intention of the Mormon church to acquire considerable additional land in Mexico, and that many Mormons from Utah will be colonized on the land purchased.

## DIED IN STREET.

German Professor Takes His Own Life in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27 .- Dr. Eugene Manning, 50 years old, professor of German in a boys' high school, shot and killed himself in the street. No cause

for his suicide is known.

Prof. Manning went to a restaurant near his boarding-house and telephoned to the city electrical bureau that a po-lice patrol wagon would be needed in Buttonwood street, above Sixteenth street, which at night is deserted. When the wagon reached the place the body was found.

## DESTROYER IS LOST.

British Warship Chamois Sinks in the Mediterranean.

LONDON, Sept. 27.-The British torpedo-boat destroyer Chamols has been lost off the island of Cephalonia, in the Mediterranean. All on board were saved.

The Chamois was 215 feet long, was of The Chamois was 210 feet long was of 250 tons displacement and 5500 indicated horse-power, and carried a crew of 61 officers and men. She was built in 1856 and carried one 12-pounder quick-firing gun, five 6-pounder quick-firing guns, and two training tubes for 10-inch; torpedoes.

## BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL MEN.

Suspected Incendiaries Are Run Down by Dogs.

OGDEN, In., Sept. 27.-Bloodhounds placed upon the trail of the suspected incendiaries traced Eton and Earl Hayer to the home of their father, Ora Hayer, a prominent farmer, and the boys are before the grand jury today. Indictments are expected. Their arrest followed a series of barn burnings and awelling house blazes.

# THOUSANDS OF

# Estimates of Sick and Wounded.

Those Under Treatment Are Placed at Forty-Five Thousand.

Death Rate Is Exceptionally Small, Owing to System of Handling and Treating Wounded.

TOKIO, Sept. 28.-Unofficial estimates place the number of sick and wounded Japanese soldiers under treatment in Japan at 45,000.

The military hospitals at Tokio, Osaka and Hiroshima contain 10,000 each. Nine thousand have recovered sufficiently to be sent to mountain and health resorts. The system of handling and treating the sick and wounded is working splen-didly and the death rate is exceptionally small.

#### QUIET AT FRONT.

Russian War Commissioner Has No Advices for Public. ST PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.-The way

commission adjourned early last evening without hearing further news from the

front.

The Mukden telegram to the Berlin Lekal Anzeiger, reporting that the Japanese had crossed the Hun river fifty miles above the city, is believed to refer to scouting parties of Japanese, whose presence there was recorded in the Associated Press dispatches of September 26.

The movement of Japanese forces on the Liao river, which was reported in a dispatch from Gen. Sakharoff to the general staff on September 28, is all the more significant since Sianchan is the starting point of roads leading to Tie pass. Mukden and Simmintin. The announcement that the Russians are fortifying Fakoman, twenty-five miles northeast of Mukden, shows that Gen. Korupatkin is preparing to check the flanking movement on Tie pass from the west in case Simmintin should have to be evacuated.

The entire absence of news from Port Arthur, it is leared, indicates a closer blockade there. Hitherto dispatches from Gen. Stoessel have been coming through semi-weekly.

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The Admiralty has not received any de-tails of the fight off Aniva, at the south-eastern extremity of Sakhalin. The Vladivostok squadron, it is understood, is still in the harbor. The cannonading at Aniva was probably a Japanese attack on blockade-runners.

blockade-runners.

A telegram received here from Batoum, reporting that reservists are being transported along the Caucasian coast, brings the first intimation that troops there are being mobilized. There are only two army corps in the Caucasus, and one of these has apparently been ordered to the far East.

## CLAIMANTS FOR REWARD.

Two Suits Begun Against Northern Pacific Railroad.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 27 .- Two sults were entered in the District court today against the Northern Pacific company by claimants for the reward of \$2000 offered by the company for the arrest and conviction of the men who held up and robbed the train at Bearmouth re cently, and for which crime John Christie and George Hammond pleaded guilty last week at Phillipsburg and were sentenced to the penitentiary.

T. J. Pepper is the plaintiff in one of the suits, and he claims the \$2000 reward for the arrest of Christie, alleging that he secured the confession from him. brought him to Montana and turned him over to the authorities.

H. S. Pritchard is the plaintiff in the

other suit. He claims \$2000 on the allegation that he was instrumental in the arrest of Hammond.

## PROMINENT MEN INDICTED.

Sensational Altercation at Helena Re sults in Indictments.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 27.-Three indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury here today as the result of the sensational altereation at the Federal building last week when Receiver eral building last week when Receiver George O. Freeman of the local United States Land Office was badly beaten by a number of assailants.

The indicted men are former Mayor Edwards, former Chlef of Police Travis and Samuel Goodman. They are charged with assault in the third degree. The indicted men gave bends for their appearance in the sum of \$500 each. The affair at the Federal building was the outcome of political differences between Mr. Freeman and the others.

## QUARRELED ABOUT SCHOOLS.

Result, One Man Is Dead, His Slayer Is in Jail.

MT. AYR, Ia., Sept. 27.—Samuel Egly is dead and William Kling, his self-confessed slayer, is in jail today as the result of a quarrel over the school laws. Both are directors and had met on school business when the arose. Egly threatened to strike Kling with an axe, and the latter shot him through the heart. Self defense is the A plea.

# Did Not Receive **Dubois Challenge**

Senator Fairbanks Says It Was New to Him, but Would Not Dis-

Special to The Tribune. BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 27.-Senator

Charles W. Fairbanks has not received the challenge to debate the polygamy issue, alleged to have been sent him by senator Fred T. Dubois.

When the matter was brought to his attention tonight Benator Fairbanks said he had not seen a newspaper for some time and said that he could not spare the time to be interviewed upon this or any subject.

### OPPOSES LYNCHINGS.

Booker T. Washington Talks of Outrages in South.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.-Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskegee Institute, last night addressed the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences a Association hall, on his work among his fellow-negroes.
In speaking of recent lynchings in the South, he said:

"Within the last few weeks a public entiment stronger and more deeply rooted, I think, than ever before, has gone forth from the words and actions of Governors, the daily press, Confederate veterans and grand juries, which are saying in thunderous tones that we, as a nation, must not only be hearers of the words which teach us to protect the weak, but we must be doers when it comes to an important enforcement of the law.

"A white man cannot shoot down a negro without cause and not lower him-self. A mob of white men cannot lynch a negro and not bring shame on them-selves and their race."

#### DIPLOMAT IN TROUBLE.

Special Investigation Will Be Made by State Department.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.-The State department today called on the Department of Justice to take action in the case of Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British Embassy, who was fined yesterday by Justice Phelps of Lee, Mass, for contempt of court and for speeding his automobile. It is expect-ed that Attorney-General Moedy will send a special District Attorney to Lee

The Attorney-General today, at the request of the State department tele-graphed United States Attorney Moulton at Boston to take the necessary steps to secure Mr. Gurney in all his legal rights, to make a full investigation of the facts and to report the mat-ter to the department at his earliest convenience.

## WISCONSIN POLITICAL ROW.

No Decision Yet Handed Down by Supreme Court.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 27.-Owing Justice Cassaday, who is detained at his home by illness, no decision was handed down by the Supreme court to-day covering the right of the La Follette or the "Stalwarts" faction to be represented on the State ticket at the November election. The courtroom was crowded by attorneys and politicians to hear the decision, and its postpone-ment was a keen disappointment. The condition of the Chief Justice was reported as much improved able to appear on the bench there is a strong hope that the decision may be

## LOUISIANA PURCHASE,

Judge Thayer Delivers Address on This Topic to Lawyers.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27.-The second day's session of the American Bar association was called to order today by President James Hagerman of St.

After a short executive session general session was resumed and the annual address of Hon. Amos M. Thayer, United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth circuit of St. Louis, was read by Judge Franklin Ferris, also of this city. Judge Thayer was pres-ent, but owing to a heavy cold was unable to deliver the address himself. The subject of the address was "The Louisiana Purchase, Its Influence and Development Under American Rule."

## SENATOR HOAR VERY LOW.

Death Appears to Be Question of Few Hours.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 27.-Senator Hoar remained today in the state of coma into which he sank during Sunday night. The bulletin issued totav sald: "The Senator is very weak His pulse is very low. Death seems now to be a question of a few hours." At 7 o'clock tonight Dr. Warren R. Gillman, Senator Hoar's physician, expressed the belief that the Senator would live through the night. He is unable to swallow, is unconscious and unable to swallow, is unconscious and his vitality is almost gone.

Up to 1:30 this (Wednesday) morning there had been no news issued from Senator Hoar's house since the evening bulletin, which said that the Senator was weaker than at any previous time, but might live two or three days.

Salt Laker in Boston.

Special to The Tribune.

# OYAMA HAS HIS NETS SET

# Arranging for Rapid Movement.

Evident That Fate of Mukden Cannot Long Be Delayed.

If Kuropatkin Intends to Try to Hold City Fighting Will Begin at Once.

ST. PETERSBURG. Sept. 27 - The latest development in the situation at the front is the definite establishment of the fact that Field Marshal Oyama has now begun to move up his left. Gen. Kuropatkin's report today shows that the Japanese have reached Davan, on the west bank of the Liao river.

Japanese Cavalry Massing.

A considerable concentration of Japanese is observed at Sianchan on the Hun river, thirty-five miles southwest of Mukden, and Japanese cavalry is massing in the valley of the Pu river. The latter is a tributary of the Hun river, which crosses the line of rail-way midway between Tie pass and Mukden and may furnish a natural line of advance from the west.

Cover a Long Front.

Oyama's armies now apparently over a front of sixty miles for enveloping movements. His wings are extended to the northeast and west of Mukden. Thus far the Russians have found little strength or pressure from the Japanese center. Oyama seems to be moving with great deliberation, probably gathering strength for a rapid advance of both wings when an attempt is made to close the net. veloping movements. His wings are

Must Fight or Fall Back.

Although the imaginary line connecting the extreme Japanese advance east and west of Mukden still passes ten miles below that city it is evident that the fate of Mukden cannot long be delayed. If Gen. Kuropatkin intends to try to hold the city flepting on his try to nold the city fighting on his flanks will begin almost immediately.

ALEXIEFF TO RETURN. Will Go to St. Petersburg as Advisor

of Emperor. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—Although an official announcement to the effect is not expected immediately, since it will require some little time to get Russia's second army in the field, the designation of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasvitch, the inspector general of Nicholaevitch, the inspector general of cavalry, as commander-in-chief, is regarded as practically settled. The situation at the front with two and perhaps ultimately three big armies is considered to demand above all else that the supreme commander be of such personal authority as to be beyond jealousles and the possibility of intrigue on the part of subordinates and such a man the Emperor now realizes can only

supplied by a member of the imperial family.

Grand Duke Nicholas is regarded as being extremely well fitted for this great responsibility. Grand Duke Nicholas will not rely upon a single adviser, but on a staff comprising the ablest who in strategists of the general staff, who in reality will constitute a board of direc-tion of military operations. Vicercy Alexieff is regarded as almost

Viceroy Alexieff is regarded as almost certain to return here. The report that he may become Chancellor of the empire, however, is exploded. He is more likely to retain his title and come to St. Petersburg, nominally in the capacity of adviser of the Emperor, and will thus efface himself as a factor of the military situation in the Far East.

DESTROYERS NEAR CHEFOO. Two Japanese Warships Seen Outside the Harbor.

CHEFOO, Sept. 27.-Two Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers were ob-served outside the harbor of Chefoo tonight.

A junk which left Liaoti promontory last night and which arrived here to-night reports having seen one torpedoboat near Chefoo.

Another junk carrying a Russian, his wife and two children was stopped last night by a Japanese vessel, but, owing to the great distance, the treatboat near Chefoo.

ment which the Russians received could not be observed. Chinese say that the battle which began September 19 continued intermittently until September 24. In de-fending one fort the Russians rolled bean cakes down on the massed Japa-These bean cakes are very heavy and are pressed into the shape of cir-cular grindstones.

Willing to Escape.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.-The naval ST. PPETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—The naval organ, Kotlin, today publishes an article predicting that Rear-Admiral Wiren will attempt to break out of Port Arthur with his ships and return to Europe. The naper admits that the task of escaping from Admiral Togo appears to be hopeless if one tukes for comparison Admiral Cervera's attempt to get away from Santiago, but adds that Wiren's men, unlike the Spanlards, have had pienty of experience.

Matter Will Not Rest.

Matter Will Not Rest.

87. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—Neither the United States nor Great Britain has yet renewed diplomatic representations to Russia on the question of contraband. In diplomatic circles here the interest is felt over the ultimate issue of the matter. It is hardly believed here that either the United States or Great Britain purposes tr allow the matter to rest in its present aspect.